

# Welcome to Year 6



**PARKDALE  
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SCHOOL**

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September 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians and children of Year 6,

We hope that you have had a lovely summer and have come back full of energy ready for a fun-filled and fantastic year. We will be reaching for the stars this academic year! It will involve lots of hard work, but we will have plenty of fun along the way.

Here is some extra information to explain a few things about life in Year 6.

## The Year 6 teachers

- Mrs James - 6 Beech (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) -  
ljames@parkdale.notts.sch.uk
- Mr Pattison - 6 Beech (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) -  
jpattison@parkdale.notts.sch.uk
- Mrs Blatherwick - 6 Cedar - pblatherwick@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

## PE

Year 6 PE days are **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Children will need to come to school in the appropriate PE kit. Please ensure earrings are removed on these days and long hair is tied up.

## Forest School & Library

Forest School and library sessions will alternate fortnightly on **Wednesday mornings** for each Year 6 class (Beech and Cedar). A timetable showing which class has each session is included with this letter. Children will need to have old trainers in school on Forest School days and any other appropriate accessories according to the weather (winter: hat, gloves, waterproofs, wellies / summer: hat, sun cream). It would also be a good idea to send in some spare clothes.

## DAaRT

On **Friday afternoons**, Year 6 will be taking part in the **DAaRT programme**. This is an exciting opportunity to support their learning and personal development. Further details will be shared with you soon.

## Inhalers

If your child uses an inhaler, please can you make sure it has been checked so that there is sufficient medicine left inside and it is still in date.

## Reading

We expect your child to be reading at home every night, although they might not be reading aloud to you on every occasion. As well as their reading book, please encourage your child to read about topics that interest them. Encourage your child to note what they have read and write a comment about their book in their reading diary. It is your child's responsibility to change their book when they are ready. If your child is a free reader and wishes to bring in books from home to read, that would be wonderful.

## Spellings

Your child will come home with a spelling list each week. New spellings go out on a **Tuesday** and will be tested the following **Tuesday**.

## SATs

SATs will take place between **11th-14th May 2026** - nothing to worry about at the moment, but just a heads-up for your calendar. More details will be shared much nearer the time.

## Parent Helpers

If anyone has any free time and would like to help us in Year 6 this year, please let us know. We often have reading and spelling practice where an extra pair of adult hands is a huge help.

## Our Autumn Term Topic

This term our learning will be themed around **The Golden Age of Islam, Shakespeare and the Suffragettes**. If you know anyone with expertise in these areas who would like to come in and share their knowledge, please let us know!

## Some Year 6 Key Dates

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Y6 welcome meeting
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Y5/6 disco
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - INSET Day
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas performance (evening)

Please note that, as other things will take place, we will send out information with as much notice as possible. For regular updates, check the school website.

We really appreciate your support with all that we do at school and want to say thank you, in advance, for this. We can't wait to get to know your children, learn lots and have fun too.

**Best wishes,**

Mrs James, Mr Pattison and Mrs Blatherwick

*The Year 6 Team*